



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Date of Notice: July 29, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
SCOPING MEETING**

A public meeting will be held by the City of San Diego Land Development Review Division for the project listed below on Thursday, August 12, 2004. Verbal and written comments regarding the scope of the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be accepted at the meeting. This notice will be published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on July 29, 2004.

Project No. 40246 COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: OTAY MESA COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8

SUBJECT: OTAY MESA TRUNK SEWER. The project proposes the construction of approximately 14.7 miles (or 77,850 feet) of new and/or replacement/upgrade sewer line in the Otay Mesa area, Phase 2 and 3 facilities as described in the 2004 Otay Mesa Sewer Master Plan and Alignment Study, which outlines a strategy for the provision of sewer infrastructure to serve the future build out of the Otay Mesa region. The OMTS Master Plan was completed with the construction of the Otay International Center (OIC). Phase 2 would also include upgrades to existing temporary pump station 23T and the construction of new permanent pump station A1 with capacity up to 12 million gallons per day (MGD). The Phase 2 facilities are divided into sub-phases to accommodate sewer flows as development of Otay Mesa proceeds. These sub-phases may be concurrent or sequential depending on the rate development of the project area. The Phase 3 improvements include additional facilities that may be needed to serve projected ultimate build out of Otay Mesa, including the upgrade of pump station A1 to a maximum capacity of 34 MGD. The need for these facilities will be reassessed based on actual growth over the next 20 years, and would include the construction and/or expansion of the following types of sewer infrastructure:

- Sewer Pipelines (gravity and force mains) and manholes
- Sewer Pump stations
- Diversion structure
- Transition structure

The need for the proposed project is largely based upon future sewer demand in the Otay Mesa area. Therefore, the project would be constructed in phases, so that the new sewer facilities would be built only when the actual sewer flows reach designated thresholds that trigger construction of the next phase. The construction of the project phases is anticipated to be sequential, although a few phases could be constructed concurrently, depending on the rate of development in the project service area.

A Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report was publicly noticed and distributed on July 29, 2004. Based on an Initial Study, it appears that the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Land Use, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Utilities, Historical Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Water Quality, Geotechnical Conditions, Hazardous Materials, Visual Quality/Aesthetics, and Energy. Based on the potential impacts of the project to the area, the City is holding an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) preparation meeting (scoping meeting) open to the public on Thursday, August 12, 2004, beginning at 6:30pm. The meeting place is at the Otay Mesa Comfort Suites, 2351 Otay Center Drive.

To request the City's letter to the applicant detailing the required scope of work (EIR Scoping Letter), Initial Study and/or supporting documents in alternative format, call the Development Services Department at (619) 446-5460 immediately to ensure availability. This information is ALSO available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities. To request this notice in alternative format, call (619) 446-5446 or (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE). For environmental review information, contact Myra Herrmann at 619-446-5372. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Patricia Grabski at 619-446-5277. A draft environmental report incorporating public input will then be prepared for public review and comment.

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